

**REMARKS**

With regard to the foreign patents and other publications cited in the Information Disclosure Statement, there is an exception to the requirement for legible copies which applies to the present application. 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d) does not require copies of cited references when the earlier application is properly identified in the Information Disclosure Statement and is relied on for an earlier effective filing date and the Information Disclosure Statement in the earlier application complies with Rule 98. The present application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/660,659 filed June 4, 1996 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,100,883. As required, this application is indicated in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed November 8, 2002 at page 9 of 10. An Information Disclosure Statement providing copies of references was submitted to the U.S. Patent Office during the prosecution of this earlier parent application. Therefore, Applicant should not be required to provide copies of these references once again to the USPTO. Nevertheless, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicant submits herewith copies of the remaining references so that full consideration of all cited art may be completed by the Examiner before allowing this case.

Claims 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Paik et al in view of Young et al. ('204) Also, these claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Paik et al. in view of Freeman ('699). The Examiner concedes that Paik does not specifically disclose the subscriber interaction with the interactive process to modify the content of the signal. Claim 7 specifically allows for interaction with the interactive process over the data link in the cable television system. By communicating over the data link in the cable television system, the interaction with the

interactive process modifies the content of the signal received at the television input of the home interface controller. Claim 7 has been amended to clarify any ambiguity as to which signal has been modified in response to the subscriber interaction. It is the incoming signal to the television input that is responsive to the subscriber in accordance with claim 7. This system differs substantially from the local interaction suggested by Young and Freeman. Neither Young nor Freeman disclose or suggest subscriber interaction that affects the incoming signal to the television input of a home interface controller.

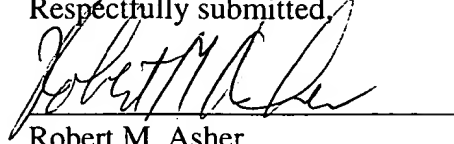
Young provides an interactive television schedule directory. The directory and information relevant thereto is stored in the schedule/tape controller 180. Young does not modify the content of the signal capable of full motion video that is received at the television input of the cable decoder 202 or the schedule/tape controller 180. That signal remains unchanged by the interactive system. Rather, video switcher 226 is used to select the video display generator 224 whenever schedule data is to be presented to the TV monitor 210. Thus, interactivity in the Young patent requires a processor in the schedule/tape controller. The signal capable of full motion video, as received at the television input, is not affected by the local interactivity. Thus, Young provides no suggestion or incentive for modifying the system of Paik to add interactivity of the type claimed in claim 7. Young provides no incentive for modifying Paik to provide communication with a process over a data link in the cable television system to permit modification of the content of the signal capable of full motion video that is received at the television input of the home interface controller. Applicant submits that the invention as set forth in claim 7 is therefore patentable over the combination of Paik and Young.

The received signal containing the video and two or more audio signals is not modified by Freeman's system. Freeman merely discloses a system which permits selection of one of the received audio signals. The audio signals are provided along with a common video channel. In accordance with Freeman's system, the audio is carefully programmed so that the two or more audio signals are all compatible with the video. Each audio signal contains roughly the same number of syllables synched with animated character mouth movements. The messages in each audio signal may differ but the syllable count needs to remain roughly the same. Freeman merely provides the ability to select one of the audio signals from the plurality of signals that were received at the television input. Thus, Freeman provides no suggestion or incentive for modifying the system of Paik to add interactivity of the type claimed in claim 7. Freeman provides no incentive for modifying Paik to provide communication with a process over a data link in the cable television system to permit modification of the content of the signal capable of full motion video that is received at the television input of the home interface controller. Applicant submits that the invention as set forth in claim 7 is therefore patentable over the combination of Paik and Freeman.

Both Young and Freeman provide controllers at the home for subscriber interaction. Neither of these references nor Paik suggests, discloses or teaches a home interface controller as claimed by Applicant which permits a subscriber to interact with an interactive process to modify content of the signal capable of full motion video that gets received at the television input of the home interface controller. Whereas the interactive process is built into the controllers of Young and Freeman, the interactive process is remote from the home interface controller of claim 7. None of the cited references teach such a controller system, or

architecture. For these reasons, Applicant submits that claims 7-10 are in condition for allowance.

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